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Applicants: David Zhang, et al.

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Application No.: 09/978,261

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Filed: October 15, 2001

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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
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Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 3, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this response to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office mailed on March 3, 2005. A response to the Office Action is due on June 3, 2005. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following revisions and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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